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1. SLT. CONTINUED REDUCED DEPENDENCE EXERCISE AT JANUARY
12-14 MEETING BY REVIEWING THE ENERGY PROGRAMS AND
POLICIES OF BELGIUM, SWEDEN, DENMARK, UNITED KINGDOM, AND
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THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, AUSTRIA, GREECE, UNITED STATES,
CANADA, JAPAN, AND TURKEY WILL BE EXAMINED IN PLENARY
SESSION JANUARY 25-28. THE REVIEWS ARE BASED ON A
DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE IEA SECRETARIAT SUMMARIZING
COUNTRIES ENERGY PROGRAMS WHICH WILL BE POUCHED TO
EMBASSIES. A SUMMARIZED VERSION OF ENERGY PROSPECTS FOR
EACH COUNTRY FOLLOWS.

2. BELGIUM: BELGIUM PROJECTS AN INCREASE IN OIL IMPORTS FROM 22.7 MTOE IN 1975 TO 29.9 MTOE IN 1985. THIS PROJECTION IS BASED ON AN INCREASE IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION (42.2 MTOE TO 63.2 MTOE) AND PRODUCTION (6.9 MTOE TO 11.6 MTOE). ATTAINMENT OF OIL IMPORT PROJECTION DEPENDS ON AN INCREASE IN NUCLEAR POWERED ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS IMPORTS, STEADY COAL PRODUCTION, AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION INCREASES OF 4.1 PERCENT ANNUALLY. SLT CONCLUDED BELGIUM

WILL PROBABLY ACHIEVE ENERGY BALANCES SUBMITTED THOUGH ITS ABILITY TO ABSORB GAS IMPORTS IS PREDICATED ON SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE. ENERGY BALANCES COULD BE IMPROVED BY ADOPTING STRONGER CONSERVATION POLICIES INCLUDING (A) MANDATORY LIGHTING AND THERMAL STANDARDS FOR ALL NEW BUILDINGS AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR RETROFITTING EXISTING BUILDINGS; A MORE IMAGINATIVE INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM, AND FULL INCREMENTAL COST PRICING OF ELECTRICITY TO ALL SECTORS.

3. SWEDEN: SWEDEN PROJECTS AN INCREASE IN OIL IMPORTS FROM 24.5 MTOE IN 1975 TO 31.5 MTOE IN 1985. THIS PROJECTION IS BASED ON AN INCREASE IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION (46.5 MTOE TO 67.9 MTOE) AND PRODUCTION (18.6 MTOE TO 32.2 MTOE). TO ACHIEVE OIL IMPORT TARGETS, SWEDEN WILL INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY NUCLEAR POWERED ELECTRICITY AND INCREASE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY 3.9 PERCENT ANNUALLY. SLT REVIEW CONCLUDED SWEDEN WILL NOT ACHIEVE BALANCES SUBMITTED BY 1985 AS A RESULT OF THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICY REGARDING NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OPERATION. ACCORDING TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, BEFORE BEING PERMITTED TO OPERATE NUCLEAR PLANTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN THE PLANNING STAGES OWNERS MUST: A) PRODUCE AN ACCEPTABLE CONTRACT FOR THE REPROCESSING OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL AND B) DEMONSTRATE AN ABSOLUTELY SAFE STORAGE PROGRAM FOR RADIOACTIVE WASTE. IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR SUCH PLANTS TO MEET THESE STRINGENT CRITERIA AND BE OPERATING BY 1985. SUCH A SHORTFALL WILL INCREASE OIL IMPORTS BY 8-10 MTOE UNLESS A MORE VIGOROUS CONSERVATION POLICY IS ADOPTED AND COAL IMPORTS ARE INCREASED.

4. DENMARK: DENMARK PROJECTS A DECREASE IN OIL IMPORTS FROM 16.6 MTOE IN 1975 TO 12.8 MTOE IN 1985. THIS ESTIMATE IS BASED ON AN INCREASE IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION (18.4 MTOE TO 20.4 MTOE) AND PRODUCTION (0.1 MTOE TO 4.2 MTOE). TO ACHIEVE OIL IMPORT TARGETS, DENMARK MUST REDUCE DRASTICALLY HISTORIC ENERGY GROWTH RATES TO 1.0 ANNUALLY,

HAVE ONE NUCLEAR PLANT IN OPERATION BY 1985, AND BEGIN PRODUCING AND UTILIZING NATURAL GAS. BASED ON MEASURES NOW IN PLACE, SLT CONCLUDED DENMARK WILL NOT ACHIEVE ENERGY BALANCES SUBMITTED AS NO NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS WILL BE IN OPERATION BY 1985 AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION TARGETS WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CONSIDERING GDP GROWTH OBJECTIVES OF 3.8 PERCENT ANNUALLY EVEN THOUGH DENMARK HAS IMPLEMENTED A STRONG CONSERVATION PROGRAM. ENERGY BALANCES CAN BE IMPROVED BY INCREASING COAL IMPORTS, PROVIDING NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GREATER UTILIZATION OF NATURAL GAS, AND APPROVAL, SITING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.

5. UNITED KINGDOM: ENERGY BALANCES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL CHANGE SUBSTANTIALLY FROM 1975 TO 1985. UK PROVIDES A RANGE OF BALANCES REGARDING OIL AND GAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTION WHICH COULD RESULT IN (A) REDUCTION IN NET OIL IMPORTS FROM 88.0 MTOE IN 1975 TO 14 MTOE IN 1985 OR (B) BECOMING A NET OIL EXPORTER OF 46 MTOE BY 1985. SUCH PROJECTIONS ARE BASED ON INCREASES IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION (203 MTOE TO 252 MTOE) AND ENERGY PRODUCTION (115 MTOE TO A RANGE OF 231/291 MTOE). ACHIEVEMENT OF ENERGY TARGETS RELIES ON A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN OIL PRODUCTION (1.0 MTOE TO 100/150 MTOE), INCREASES IN GAS AND COAL PRODUCTION AND NUCLEAR POWERED ELECTRICITY AND AN INCREASE OF 2.2 PERCENT ANNUALLY IN TOTAL PRIMARY ENERGY CONSUMED. SLT REVIEW CONCLUDED THE UK WILL BE A NET EXPORTER OF OIL BY 1985 THOUGH ENERGY BALANCES SUBMITTED WILL MOST LIKELY BE ALTERED. COAL AND NUCLEAR ESTIMATES WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ACHIEVED WHILE THE LOWER ESTIMATES OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION ARE TOO CONSERVATIVE. AMONG WEAK POINTS IDENTIFIED IN THE UK PROGRAM WERE THE FOLLOWING: A) LACK OF A STRONG INTERFUEL SUBSTITUTION STRATEGY, B) BUDGET REDUCTIONS IN ENERGY CONSERVATION WHICH WILL WEAKEN A STRONG PROGRAM, AND C) AN OVERALL SLOWDOWN IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

6. NETHERLANDS: THE NETHERLANDS PROJECTS AN INCREASE IN NET OIL IMPORTS FROM 20.9 MTOE IN 1975 TO 48.0 MTOE IN 1985. PROJECTIONS ARE BASED ON AN INCREASE IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION (59.3 MTOE TO 89.6 MTOE) AND A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN ENERGY PRODUCTION (72.8 MTOE TO 72.3 MTOE). ACHIEVEMENT OF ENERGY TARGETS DEPENDS ON A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, SMALL INCREASES IN NUCLEAR POWERED ELECTRICITY AND COAL IMPORTS, AND A GROWTH IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF 4.2 PERCENT ANNUALLY. SLT CONCLUDED THE NETHERLANDS COULD ACHIEVE ENERGY

BALANCES SUBMITTED. THESE BALANCES COULD BE IMPROVED BY
A MORE RAPID RATE OF PRODUCTION OF PROVEN GAS RESERVES,
IMPLEMENTATION OF A MORE VIGOROUS CONSERVATION PROGRAM
ESPECIALLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, AND INCREASING COAL
IMPORTS FOR USE IN GENERATING ELECTRICITY.

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